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SUBJECT: W/W GEORGE SCHEER AND FAMILY - INVERNESS AUTO
ACCIDENT

REF: CELLA/SMITH PHONE CON JUNE 8, 1977: EDINBURGH 091 AND
087: STATE 104988

ROBERT LIPSCHUTZ, COUNSELOR TO THE PRESIDENT, INTERESTED

1. ON JUNE 7 WE RECEIVED OVERSEAS TELEPHONE CALL FROM FRED SCHEER, AND GEORGE SCHEER'S BUSINESS PARTNER, BOB ELSNER, CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF USAF MEDICAL EVACUATION FOR MICHELLE SCHEER WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE RELEASED FROM RAIGMORE HOSPITAL, INVERNESS ON JUNE 13 BUT WHO, THEY SAID, WOULD REQUIRE TRAVEL IN PRONE POSITION BECAUSE OF HER CAST AND PHYSICAL CONDITION. THEY SAID THAT THEY HAD CONSULTED VARIOUS SOURCES WHO HAD SUGGESTED POSSIBILITY OF MEDEVAC.

2. CONOFF THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED PROVISIONS AND CRITERIA OF 7 FAM 360.5-3 TO THEM AND POINTED OUT THAT MRS. SCHEER'S CONDITION DID NOT REQUIRE MEDEVAC, HE ASSURED THEM THAT IF REQUIRED FOR A TRULY EMERGENCY SITUATION, SUCH ASSISTANCE COULD BE PROVIDED IN A VERY SHORT TIME. HOWEVER, AS MICHELLE
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SCHEER'S CONDITION IS STEADILY IMPROVING UNDER EXPERT MEDICAL CARE THE FAMILY WOULD BE BETTER ADVISED TO ALLOW HER TO REMAIN HERE UNTIL HER CONDITION IMPROVED SUFFICIENTLY TO ALLOW HER TO RETURN TO THE US BY COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION.

3. CONOFF EXPLAINED TO MESSRS. SCHEER AND ELSNER THAT AIRLINES ARE USUALLY QUITE WILLING TO CARRY PASSENGERS LIKE MICHELLE

WHO ARE IN NO DANGER OF DYING EN ROUTE, CAUSING INFECTION OR DISTURBANCE TO OTHER PASSENGERS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THEY CONTACT PASSENGER SERVICE REP. OF PAA AND TWA AND, IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING HER MEDICAL FITNESS FOR THE FLIGHT, HAVE HER DOCTOR CONTACT THE AIRLINE'S MEDICAL ADVISORS IN LONDON.

4. FAMILY HAS NOW MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE MICHELLE TO US COMMERCIALLY AS WE SUGGESTED. DOCTORS ARE STILL UNSURE OF HER PROBABLE DISCHARGE DATE FROM HOSPITAL BUT FEEL CHANCES ARE GOOD FOR JUNE 20. CONOFF WILL BE IN INVERNESS ON HOLIDAY JUNE 18 AND 19 AND PLANS VISIT FAMILY THEN. POST WILL NOTIFY DEPARTMENT OF ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.

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